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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2022, at 12 p.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable RAPHAEL G. WARNOCK, a Senator from the State of Georgia.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Shepherd, thank You for providing for the needs of this land we love.

Lord, You continue to renew the strength of our leaders as You guide them in the right paths. Show our Senators how to navigate through the deepest darkness with the illumination of Your divine presence. Lord, deliver them from fear of what the future holds as they recall how You have saved us in the past.

As we approach the anniversary of January 6, we pray for Your sovereignty to guard our country. Continue to sustain us all with Your goodness and love.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 4, 2022.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable RAPHAEL G. WARNOCK, a Senator from the State of Georgia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WARNOCK thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Anne A.

Witkowsky, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations).

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The majority leader is recognized.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, before I get into my remarks, I ask unanimous consent that the scheduled vote on the Sanchez nomination occur at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Republican leader.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. President, for the information of Senators, we expect to have this vote later today. Obviously, the delay in getting here because of the snow has forced us to postpone it until later in the day.

REMEMBERING HARRY REID

Mr. President, first, let me wish you and all of my colleagues a happy and healthy new year. I hope everyone traveling across the country remains safe in the face of these recent winter storms.

This morning, let me begin with a few words on the loss of our dear friend, our beloved former leader, and one of the brightest stars to ever serve in the U.S. Senate, our former colleague Harry Reid of Searchlight, NV, as he would proudly refer to himself.

Harry Reid, in short, was one of the most incredible individuals I have ever met, the sort of person you come across only a handful of times in your life. He was tough as nails, a fighter to

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